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Application of: Dieter Winkler, Hans-Peter Feuerbaum and Joseph Bach
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Examiner: Kalimah Fernandez Group Art Unit: 2881
Title: Charged Particle Beam Microscope with Minicolumn

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a Response to the Outstanding Office Action, an Extension Petition, and a Fee Transmittal form for the above-identified patent application. The application now has a total of thirty-two claims, including six (6) independent claims. Previously, fees have been paid for a total of twenty-six (26) claims, including six (6) independent claims. As such an additional fee is required for six additional dependent claims. Payment of this additional fee is authorized on the enclosed Fee Transmittal form.

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